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Egypt:* draft resolution

Measures to be taken following the cyclones and floods
that have affected Madagascar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/234 of 14 February 1994 on emergency assistance to Madagascar, in which appeals were made to the international community to assist the Government of Madagascar in bringing the recovery efforts made following the cyclones and floods which struck Madagascar between January and March 1994 to a successful conclusion,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ on the implementation of the above resolution,

Recognizing that these climatic phenomena have led to losses of human life and to the destruction of a number of towns and have caused considerable damage to economic and social infrastructures, particularly in the agriculture, transport, communications and energy sectors,

Bearing in mind the fact that the above-mentioned sectors are of fundamental importance to the economy of Madagascar,

* On behalf of the African Group of States and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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Noting the efforts made by the Government of Madagascar to assist the victims of the cyclones and floods and to promote the country's growth and economic and social development,

Noting with satisfaction the emergency aid and assistance provided by a number of States, international and regional organizations, specialized agencies and voluntary institutions,

1. Again commends the international community, including the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, for the measures taken in order to supplement the efforts of the Government of Madagascar in the emergency aid and assistance operations;
2. Urges all States to participate in the implementation of the programmes for the recovery and reconstruction of the areas and sectors affected by the cyclones and floods;
3. Requests international and regional organizations, the specialized agencies and voluntary institutions to support, within the framework of their respective programmes, the efforts made by the Secretary-General to mobilize assistance, and to consider the requests for assistance formulated by the Government of Madagascar during the recovery and reconstruction phase;
4. Requests the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To send an inter-organizational mission to Madagascar to evaluate the damage caused by these cyclones and floods and the medium-term and long-term impact of these disasters on the national economy and to compile information capable of promoting concerted international assistance;
 - (b) To communicate the report of the mission to the international community;
 - (c) To take the necessary measures to assist the Government in preparing a reconstruction and rehabilitation programme in the affected regions and sectors;
5. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995 and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.
